

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 11 - 14 are pending in the application. Claims 11 - 14 have been amended. Claims 15 - 19 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

In the Office Action dated November 9, 2004, the Examiner notes that the word "high" in claim 11 at line 4 has been misspelled. This has been corrected by this Amendment.

Claims 12 - 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, on various grounds. The minor deficiencies noted by the Examiner have been corrected by the Amendment.

Claims 11 - 12, 14 - 16 and 18 - 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crisman, U.S. Pat. No. 5,622,210. Claim 11 has been amended to recite that second layer is formed from low-density polyethylene encircling the perfluoroalkoxy polymers of the first layer. Crisman discloses that the liner coating 26 is formed from rubber, not low-density polyethylene. It is therefore submitted that claim 11 patentably defines over Crisman and is in suitable condition for allowance. Claims 12 and 14 depend from claim 11 and are therefore also in suitable condition for allowance. Claims 15 - 19 have been cancelled. It is therefore submitted that the Examiner's rejection is overcome.

Claim 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crisman in view of Noone, U.S. Pat. No. 5,524,673. As set forth above, claim 11, from which claim 13 depends, has been amended to recite that second layer is formed from low-density polyethylene encircling the perfluoroalkoxy polymers of the first layer and Crisman fails to disclose this feature. It is submitted that Noone does not overcome this deficiency. Noone sets forth numerous possible material alternatives for the inner layer 14 and outer layers but does not disclose that any of the layers is formed from low density polyethylene. It is therefore submitted that claim 13 patentably defines over the references and is in suitable condition for allowance.

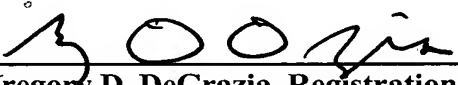
Claim 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crisman in view of Lyon, U.S. Pat. No. 5,265,648. Claim 17 has been cancelled by this Amendment. It is therefore submitted that the Examiner's rejection is overcome.

It is submitted that the amendments have antecedent basis in the application as filed and that the amendments do not add new matter to the application. It is further submitted that the amendments place the claims of the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$120.00 as required for the filing of this Amendment. If there are any additional fees due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account for those additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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